

2019 Novel Coronavirus

The risk to the Cornell community remains low.

There is currently no vaccine for the Novel Coronavirus. However, the CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses (e.g., colds, flu), including:

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.**
- **If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**
- **Stay home when you are sick.**
- **Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.**
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.**

Note: The CDC does not currently recommend the use of face masks among the general public. Students with health concerns can call Cornell Health (24/7) for consultation: 607-255-5155. For more information, please visit the CDC or Cornell Novel Coronavirus websites.